

FEATURING VILLAGE FAVORITE
**ALBUQUERQUE
BALLOON
FESTIVAL**



NEW MEXICO AUTUMN & RAIL

OCTOBER 5-11, 2024

Departs: OKC, Tulsa

The spirit of the Southwest is calling! Escape to beautiful New Mexico, and take a scenic train ride through the Rocky Mountains. Be enchanted by the iconic Albuquerque Balloon Festival and more on this amazing adventure.

OCTOBER 7-13, 2024

Departs: Wichita

Day 1 // Amarillo, TX Our destination for the week is the "Land of Enchantment". Board our deluxe motorcoach this morning in anticipation of an exciting adventure. Tonight we visit the **Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum**. Here we are not only treated to **dinner** but we will be honored with a dance performance designed to preserve the Kwahadi scouting culture, and to share it.

Day 2 // Albuquerque, NM For more than 400 years, New Mexico has been a vibrant wine region containing a wide array of vineyards. Our first stop of the day is at **Casa Rondeña Winery**. This one-of-a-kind venue is located in Albuquerque's North Valley. Experience the spiritual and calm feeling, the manicured lawns, and the beauty of a fully-operational winery. Enjoy an included **lunch**, a **guided property tour** including the Animante de Rondeña Portal, Vault, Grand Room, Winery, Barrel Room and Founders Garden. We will then visit The Tasting Room to sample a flight of five fine wines made on the winery premises.

Day 3 // Albuquerque, NM We will be up early this morning for our first morning in the Chasers club at the **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta**. This morning, witness hundreds of prismatic balloons lift off and fill the horizon in this unforgettable mass ascension. This makes for a truly one-of-a-kind photo op! Pilots compete in various skills tests and show off the amazing precision and

knowledge it takes to take the helm of one of these aircraft. This afternoon we are joined by a local guide who will take us on a historic **city tour**. Enjoy some free time in Old Town before heading back to the hotel for the night.

Day 4 // Santa Fe, NM After a good night's sleep we return early to the **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta** field for our second opportunity to see the sky filled with wonderful shapes and colors. After having breakfast and grabbing a cup of coffee from the Chasers Club, walk through the launch field and talk with pilots and their crews. It's not hard to see why this event draws so many people, from full time balloon chasers to first time spectators. Then off to Santa Fe, where we enjoy **lunch** together before having a **tour of the city**, including the opportunity to visit **Loretto Chapel**, which boasts a miraculous staircase reportedly built by St. Joseph. It's simple, beautiful craftsmanship is a wonder to behold.

Day 5 // Alamosa, CO All aboard! Today we'll experience fall in the **Rocky Mountains** as we ride the rails of one of the best train rides in the Nation! The **Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad** is the nation's highest and longest narrow gauge railroad. Experience the best of the west, as the coal-fired steam engine carries us through steep mountain canyons, high desert and lush meadows. This scenic journey chugs around

Included Meals:

- 6 Breakfasts
- 3 Lunch
- 2 Dinner

Activity Level Active

* **Tour Visits High Altitude Locations**

\$1959 Double **\$1799 Triple**
\$1679 Quad **\$2559 Single**

\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Person
Optional Travel Protection Available
Final Payment Due by August 1st, 2024
Note: Launches are dependent on weather.

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Whiplash Curve, passes through Mud and Rock Tunnels and along the lip of Toltec Gorge. A hearty **lunch** is included along the way.

Day 6 // Dodge City, KS Today we have a gorgeous drive through the **Sangre de Cristo Mountains** toward Pueblo, CO. Here we visit a little known gem, the **Rosemount Museum**. Built in 1893, the 37-room mansion was home to the John A. and Margaret Thatcher family and was named for Mrs. Thatcher's favorite flower. Nearly all furnishings, accessories, decorative arts, paintings, custom woodwork, wall and window treatments are original to the home. You will see why it has earned the nickname, "Colorado's Crown Jewel." Then on to Dodge City, KS. Where we are treated to **dinner** and a rip-roarin' saloon show at the **Boot Hill Museum**.

Day 7 // Home The trip comes to an end today, but the memories we have made will last a lifetime!

